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SUBJECT:SUMMER LANGUAGE TEACHER EXCHANGE

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1. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY MHE'S FAILURE TO BUDGET FOR INCREASE OF FIVE IN THIS YEAR'S EXCHANGE OF SUMMER LANGUAGE TEACHERS. AT DECEMBER REVIEW TALKS AND IN SUBSEQUENT CALL ON MHE'S BAZHANOV, CU/EE DIRECTOR CLEARLY STATED DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION TO RAISE THE QUOTA TO 35 IN 1975, AND POSSIBLY TO 40 IN 1976. AS EMBASSY AWARE, IN 1972 SUMMIT JOINT COMMUNIQUE, US SIDE "INDICATED ITS INTENTION TO ENCOURAGE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN THE US." ONE OF OUR CONSIDERATIONS IN PROPOSING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF U.S. TEACHERS OF RUSSIAN GOING TO THE USSR THIS SUMMER WAS TO INDICATE SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THIS GENERAL AREA.

2. IREX, ACTING ON DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, STEPPED UP PUBLICITY AND RECRUITMENT EFFORTS FOR THIS PROGRAM, AND IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOOD FAITH FORWARDED TO MHE APPLICATIONS FOR 33 TEACHERS

AND 2 ADVISORS. REQUEST EMBASSY AGAIN DISCUSS WITH MHE
ALONG LINES PARA 1 ABOVE, AND REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF
MHE DECISION TO LIMIT NUMBER TO 30 THIS YEAR. KISSINGER

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